

Q	CATEGORY OF COMMENT	TOTAL	SELECTION OF COMMENTS
2a (36)	Like about living here		Selected comments
	Number of years	5	<p>Quiet tranquillity, friendly neighbours, feeling of history and continuity in landscape and buildings</p> <p>Friendly nature of close knit community where one's character accounts for much.</p> <p>Low light pollution, peaceful rural location and heritage, historic interest and landscape. Low population, tranquillity, narrow lanes and grass verges which encourage wildlife and birdlife to flourish</p> <p>Able to keep poultry and other livestock.</p>
	Tranquillity /dark skies/privacy/ fresh air	12	
	Community/feeling of history	12	
	Rural but with good links	2	
	Other (proximity to Ashbourne, wildlife and birdlife, livestock, working farm)	10	
2b (71)	Dislike about living here		Selected comments
	Issues with roads (speed/passing places/lack of control)	19	<p>Use of country lanes for motor sport, road rallies etc, and 4x4 vehicles using the 'BOAT' for sport.</p> <p>Absolutely nothing but its magnet to attract the possibility and threat of development.</p> <p>Difficult to alter old houses – hard to get permission, modern needs to be met (installing PV solar on roof for example).</p> <p>There are no families with children</p> <p>Left out by AVBC (e.g with road maintenance, snow clearing)</p>
	Lack of 'centre' difficult to build community	7	
	'country life' (muck-spreading/winter weather)	8	
	Planning issues	8	
	Other – no local pub, no public transport, fly-tipping, Alport masts, lack of facilities, expensive	7	
3c (4)	If Yes to 3a or 3b re. availability of housing		Selected comments
	Other – lack of small house with land (1)	3	Applied for planning permission within our own property boundary but this was refused.

			<p>Planning permission only seems to be given to agricultural families – other are almost totally excluded.</p> <p>There is no room for my partner and I at the family home. I have put in for a barn conversion (agricultural) I hope the Parish Council will support my application.</p>
4a (51)	New housing considered appropriate		Selected comments
	Against any new housing/not appropriate in our area	12	We don't support any new housing
	Tasteful/ in keeping/ in scale	7	Applied for a bungalow for us to move into so that newly-wed son can move into the family home where the business is based.
	Desirable to have a mix	4	
	For local people	4	There are plenty of family homes but not enough smaller homes to enable young people to stay in the area and to enable older people to downsize/stay
	Do not want multiple build 'estate' type developments	4	
	Affordable for younger families	2	
	Other	4	<p>Much of the area is not suitable for housing development. It is possible that a small special development in Idridgehay might be suitable for older people who wish to move out of larger properties and still stay in the village however facilities are not good for older <u>infirm</u> people.</p> <p>Physical difficulties of anyone of any age are extremely immobilising when living rurally. To live independently one needs suitable accommodation often difficult to design for old but gorgeous 17 century cottages. Sympathetic adaptation of current dwellings might help protect otherwise life-</p>

			<p>enhancing communities.</p> <p>The demand for housing is not clear in Idridgehay, there do not appear to be any homes suitable for smaller/younger households. If demand is there (in hidden households) we would support affordable housing (rent and S/O) with local connection criteria.</p> <p>Small scale development can be integrated provided design and materials match those in the location and the building is of the appropriate scale. Best sited in the heart of local communities.</p> <p>The use of the housing is not the issue. New housing needs to be of good quality and appropriate for the area. Not low cost nonsense that already spoils many suburbs in the UK.</p>
4b (40)	Sites suitable for new houses		Selected comments
	Not sure/difficult to say	2	<p>Along main road connecting two 'ends' of Idridgehay – from shop to church not large 'executive' houses!</p> <p>None</p> <p>Fill in gaps between existing properties along the main road and down to the railway station.</p> <p>Any site which becomes available within the existing village periphery, particularly where it would contribute to integrating the various scattered areas of development into a more united whole.</p>
	Sites within existing village periphery/infill (some detailed below)	13	
	No development wanted	14	
	In scale in keeping	1	
	<p>East of Ashleyhay (96)</p> <p>Land at Holmhurst (56) Hillcliff Lane(56)</p> <p>Several sites along Rood Lane (52) Old Hillcliff Lane (52)</p> <p>Ashleyhay – Fishponds Farm, Roughpiece Farm and Yards Close Farm (50)</p> <p>Various sites over Ashleyhay and Idridgehay (51)</p> <p>Idridgehay – fields between B5023 and Ecclesbourne Lane (72)</p> <p>Field next to village store (112)</p>		

	<p>Opposite Black Swan(112) Rood Lane (112) Derelict building opposite shop (112) (116) and (110) Old butcher's shop (116)</p>		<p>I think this depends very much of the scale of the project and its purpose and its impact on the site and surroundings.</p> <p>Infilling in established villages such as Idridgehay</p> <p>Several sites along Rood Lane and possibly along the main road opposite the pub – to help 'join up' the village.</p> <p>Land at Holmehurst/Hillcliff Lane</p> <p>Several sites around Ashleyhay and Idridgehay (marked on map)</p> <p>East of Ashleyhay. I do not think existing settlements should become too large, but a few scattered dwellings would be better. Line of sight so landscape not damaged is important.</p>
5b (9)	New development – what like to see		Selected comments
	Max of 2/3 houses built together to avoid feeling of an 'estate'	1	Number of new homes close together should be limited - perhaps to 2 or 3 maximum avoiding any feeling of an 'estate'
	A mixture	2	
	Good quality design	2	
	Create clusters of dwellings based on existing	1	
	Other – comment on room sizes in new build being too small (1)	2	
6a (8)	For what use convert old farm buildings		

	As appropriate to area/location	2	
	Residential private use	2	
	To attract young people to area	1	
	Other		
6b (4)	Flexible use		Selected comments
	Yes – but only within ticked options	1	Only flexible between small business/holiday lets and rental for local people – not as a means to circumvent planning permissions.
7b (92)	Acceptable new businesses		Selected comments
	Small scale/environmentally friendly/ low impact on locality re. traffic/noise/air/light pollution/visual amenity/ housed unobtrusively especially within existing buildings	39	Small scale enterprises which could be housed unobtrusively especially within existing buildings.
	In keeping with nature of area - traditional craft/cottage industry/ workshop/ educational/cultural/cuisine/riding	39	Internet-based or internet-mediated businesses are an excellent match for this area (they avoid traffic for example.)
	Small service business/IT-based/one or two people working from home / garage and light engineering	13	
	Small scale agricultural/ horticultural	6	Type of business needs to be scrutinised before approval so eco-friendly and appropriate to the neighbourhood.
	Employ local people/ owned and run by local people	3	
	Other – innovative and sustainable (1)	2	
7c (90)	Unacceptable new businesses		Selected comments
	Large scale or footprint/ high impact on locality and landscape/ industrial	43	Anything creating excessive noise, pollution (including light at night), large amounts of traffic or large lorries.
	Anything increasing traffic on country lanes (including logistics)	26	
	Waste-producing/ energy intensive/ polluting/ noisy/ smelly/ processes running 24/7	33	
	Anything requiring new premises or change of use	1	

	Mineral extraction/fracking	2	
	Intensive farming (pigs)	17	
	Campsites/ trailer parks	4	
	Major retail chains/outlets	3	
	Anything not helping local area	1	
	Fast food	1	
	Other – hit and run fast buck types (1), dog boarding kennels (1) casino betting shops (1) sex business (1)	5	
7d (10)	Should existing businesses be allowed to be converted into housing		Selected comments
	Depends on nature of business	4	No – unless it can be demonstrated that there is no demand by reference to agency advice and a <u>12 month</u> period of marketing at a realistic price.
	Depends on location		
	Other – Losing a community asset (1), in keeping (1)	2	
7f (35)	Tourist facilities would like to see		
	Already enough in area/seems to be well served	2	
	Small scale services – cafe/tearooms/pub/B&B/hotel/ WCs	15	
	Those which relate to the countryside – cycling(cycle hire at Idridgehay station, track along railway)/walking/ riding/bird-watching / footpath improvements	11	
	Farm-based holidays – not caravan sites	2	
	Holiday homes only – caravan site (1), camp site (2)	4	

	Car parks	3	
	Crafts/ art workshops	2	
	Other - anything that helps local business (1) picnic site (1)	2	
9a (44)	Road safety		Selected comments from 9a, 9b and 9c
	Narrow lanes (lack of passing places/ large lorries damaging hedges, verges/danger to pedestrians, cyclists, animals/ increase in delivery vans)	8	Anything that indicates to motorists they do not have priority – only responsibility for the safety of all road users.
	Hillcliff Lane – rat run, no speed limit, pets run over.	4	
	Speed/ Police not enforcing	14	Hillcliff Lane <u>MUST</u> reduce speed limit to 40mph (from 60mph) <u>before</u> fatality (inevitable otherwise). PLEASE!!! Every resident has had all their pets killed on the road.
	Worse at weekends and holidays	1	
	Safety for pedestrians	4	
	Traffic noise	1	Main problem is <u>size</u> of lorries in narrow winding lanes causing damage to verges and hedgerows and danger to pedestrians, cyclists and animals. Most lanes are used by horse riders/ walkers as well as cars – all have blind spots and no speed limit or in many cases places to get off the road Street lighting in Idridgehay – NO Speed indicators on main road thro’ village and signs warning drivers that lanes have multiple use. Speed humps are not desirable, please no pavements (? means on lanes?) or lights. Unfamiliar drivers driving too fast down single track roads. Removal of ‘stupid’ national speed limit applies
	Proliferation of signs	1	

			signs telling people they can legally go at 60mph on the lanes is not helpful. No signs at all forces people to think.
9c Other	Associated with winter weather (grit boxes, road clearing)	4	
	Against street lighting	3	
	Other – more effective white lines	1	

9b Locations of road safety problems (82)	Nature of problem (79)	Total
Hillcliff Lane	Speeding	9
	Lack of speed restriction	2
	Visibility	1
Junctions with B5023 (Barnsley Lane, Wood Lane, Beighton Hill, Rood Lane, Old Lane, Johnsons, Cliffash Lane)	Restricted visibility (overgrowth)	18
	Speed of traffic on main road when joining	3
B5023 and through Idridgehay and bends over railway (1)	Speed	37
Idridgehay	Lack of pavement/ narrow pavement	8
Minor lanes generally	Too fast for single track road	13
	Lack of passing spaces	4
	Inappropriate vehicles (off-road, large lorries)	5

	Verges/ hedges/ visibility	5
	Mud on road	1
	State of road	1
9c Locations of road safety improvements (56)	Type of safety improvement	
Hillcliff Lane	Speed restriction signs	3
	Hedge cutting	1
	Other – traffic calming and street lighting	1
Lanes	Multi –use signs	6
	Passing places	3
	Improve visibility	2
Beighton Hill to Callow Park	Footpath to bus stop needed	1
	Other – restrict size of HGVs(1)	1
Idridgehay village	Traffic calming	6
	Pavements	9
	Street Lighting	4
	Speed indicator devices	8
	HGV restriction	1
	One-way system	1
	Other – remove restriction signs (1) none required (1)Road crossing (1)	3

10d (25)	Parking for Church		
	Purchase of land/field nearby/Use Deaville's land	12	There were many comments here and they have been forwarded to the Church car parking group
	Use Black Swan/ community asset car park	5	
	Alternative solutions (car share/ Church bus)	1	
	Comments associated with potential dangers/ road safety	2	
	Other		
11e (19)	Community facilities		Selected comments
	Questions about existence/ availability (mobile library, playing field)	3	Poor transport facilities handicap use of community facilities by the immobile through poor transport links.
	Compliments (e.g. about shop/ mobile library)	5	
	Need a post office	1	
	Other – Allotments on playing field (1), would like to see Community room used more (1) Community facility/pub (1) car park (1)	4	
12 (19)	The Black Swan		
	As what?	1	
	As a pub	6	
	Other	1	
14b (22)	Areas of the countryside to be protected		Selected comments
	Described areas	SLA as ? minimum (John)	By 'protect' we assume careful planning restrictions apply and building is only sanctioned when appropriate to the countryside.
		Alport	
		Ireton Wood	

				<p>The planning system should protect all areas. By and large the present designation seems acceptable but needs to be implemented impartially.</p> <p>Marked the map (all round Ireton Wood)</p> <p>Shaded areas on map (around Alport)</p> <p>Should not allow existing developments to become too big and sprawl.</p> <p>SLA Very important as long as this protection allows farming and food production to still be the area's priority, bearing in mind it is the traditional grazing and husbandry that has shaped many of the features.</p> <p>All needs protecting from unsuitable and inappropriate development . Small scale developments in keeping with surroundings should be considered individually on own merits. Not so much about restricting developments to prescribed areas – more that each proposal must be judged on its merits and appropriateness to site and location.</p> <p>Doveswood, Ecclesbourne Valley, any woodland areas.</p>
		Any land commercially viable to farm	1	
		Not sprawling	1	
		All footpaths	1	
		Doveswood	1	
		Ecclesbourne Valley	2	
		Woodland areas	1	
		Triangle made up from Johnsons Lane, B5023 and Cliffash Lane	2	
		Idridgehay Green	1	
14b other	Consider all on individual basis		4	
14c (7)	Other areas to protect			
	Reduce noise pollution		1	
	Keep narrow lanes and grass verges		2	
	Extend SLA to all of the 2 parishes		1	
14d	Special Landscape Area		Selected comments	
			Don't understand the SLA Why isn't whole parish in it?	

15c (21)	Conservation area		Selected comments
	Extend to cover all buildings in Idridgehay	5	Windley Lane – much of this is high in altitude, and new buildings would be seen from a long distance away.
	All areas and fields adjacent to the village (66)	2	All areas/fields adjacent to villages to be protected. I also feel that the signs that are appearing opposite the village store are inappropriate for the area. We believe that as much as possible should be part of the conservation area due to the outstanding beauty of the countryside. We should try to protect as much of it as we can. The dark sky by itself is incredibly beautiful and we are so lucky to have it here, if we don't have Dark Sky Status it should be applied for, the conservation of our dark sky could help reduce the large scale developments that have happened in other parts of the county.
	Extend to SLA	1	
	Rakestones (66)	1	
	Include Ireton Wood	5	
	The Hay	1	
	2 particular farm houses	1	
	Ecclesbourne Hall	1	
	Golden triangle	1	
	Windley Lane (60)	1	
	Wallstead Farm associated buildings	1	
16c (16)	Renewable energy		Selected comments
	Commented that have installed solar panels/wind turbine	4	All have their place in appropriate locations. If in 20 yrs etc we have better power solutions wind turbines/ solar panels can be removed. The curse of wind turbines is coming our way!
	Support wind power/ other renewables depending on location	4	
	Against wind turbines/solar	2	
	Need to know long term impact of fracking/risk of displacing efforts to provide renewable energy	2	
	Would consider solar when cost of solar roof tiles falls	1	
16d (3)	Gas in Idridgehay		
	Depends on price	2	
17 (27)	Broadband		Selected comments
	Speed	18	Its poor quality has prevented me from communicating effectively and confined my professional contacts and ability to 'work' here at home. I cannot establish an internet business here with future possibility of local part time employment opps because of its
	Availability	2	
	W3z issues (expense due to download capping 1)	2	

			SLOWNESS.
18a (6)	Water and sewage		
	Low pressure water	1	
	Sewerage and water both on edge of capacity	1	
18b (26)	Electricity and flooding		
	Flooding off fields and lanes /due to overloaded drains	8	
	Fewer power cuts than in past	5	
	Problems due to overhead wires	4	
	Other		
19 (33)	Other comments		Selected comments below
	Litter and fly-tipping	2	
	TV signal erratic	1	
	Use empty residential properties	1	
	Keeping farming traditions alive – support for young farmers	1	
	Hope that Focus/Steering Group could carry weight	1	
	Maintain status quo to keep beauty of area	1	
	Thank you	3	

Selected comments from Q. 19

The one large negative for us is the speed of traffic on Hillcliff Lane. The road is used as a cut through from Derby to Wirksworth and is probably one of the few overtaking stretches on that route. With vehicles pulling out of homes and farms along the lane the current speed limit of 60mph (national limit) is unacceptable, particularly considering that the A617 and B5023 at each end of the lane have lower limits. Also the number of HGVs on the lane is excessive for the nature of the road.

Basically this neighbourhood is a rural area predominantly engaged with the land and its produce. There should be no need to change this within the next five years although we cannot predict what might happen longer term. Small village communities in desirable locations can become much larger very rapidly with significant infilling to provide housing for better off commuters. This changes the nature of the location and should I think be resisted.

We want AVBC to retain the SLA and enforce the relevant policies to protect it from inappropriate development. The area is unique and merits special measure and extra protection. Once this environment and the balance of nature is altered, it can never truly be re-instated to its original state. It is vital that the NP policies are robust enough to protect the 2 parishes' open countryside and rural settlements – as AVBC's D.C.S is very general in these areas. NP policies need to have criteria that the planning officers understand so as to be applied with as little subjective assessment as possible. We need the planners to understand our environment that's why the NP is so important to us.

We need to ensure that in line with other communities we are meeting a need for more housing. It is my belief that sympathetic small scale developments would encourage younger families into the area and we do not need any large detached housing. We could look at developing existing buildings. Working with experts from regional innovative social housing projects to see how we can meet needs for more housing and 'not on my doorstep' attitudes can be brought on side.

Nothing is mentioned about the increase in litter and dumping of waste. I am particularly concerned about the litter on Hillcliff Lane and the fact that the council are inactive in this area.

People who have lived here all their lives should be allowed concessions if they wish to live separate (sic) as individuals to stay their own families (sic) and should be favoured with planning applications. Anything else should be discretionary.

Housing is clearly in shortage but there are few pockets that make physical sense. Those that do should be supported through the planning process to optimise their productivity. Local amenity remains in short supply but incredibly important in maintaining a safe and enjoyable rural community.

Although I enjoy our green and pleasant land I really believe we ought to be able to accommodate more people/business in our rural area. I would hope the more a development benefitted the local people and was self-sustaining/greener the more favourably it should be viewed.

It's a real shame that the Black Swan closed. There is nowhere to go for a meal/drink without one of us having to drive. We moved to Idridgehay because of its peace and quiet and beautiful countryside. If social housing is to be built it will in my many years experience attract some people who to be frank I would not wish to be near!

It is essential to protect this special heritage that is VIA. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty that should not be spoilt by development of any kind other than

sympathetic house extensions and agricultural building conversions.

I feel that the main Wirksworth road is a major divide through our village in Idridgehay and often those of us on the Black Swan side are ignored when it comes to decisions and activities in the village.....please remember when looking at the village plan that we are still part of the community.

Got to have development and move with the times all round for the area to grow. There is need for small farming units to be available for young peoples (sic) wanting to start up and continuing the traditions of farming on all aspects of the countryside. This cannot happen if big developments take over without giving young people a start in farming life. If this does not happen it will become a dying breed.

Support this group (*i.e. the steering group*)but needs to be aware of facilities for which we already pay our taxes and council tax. As a group if they can carry more weight with council provision of services e.g pavements then that would be good.

As we are all aware, we live in a most beautiful area. We believe it should be protected as much as possible from inappropriate development. Any new housing must be in keeping with the area on a small scale, using sites that have already been used, e.g. old farm buildings or derelict buildings. Ant proposal of housing would increase traffic through the village therefore noise and pollution would increase. Our area benefits from tourism due to its outstanding beauty, this would surely decline if the area was compromised by unsuitable development.

There may be a risk that, if the offspring of current farming families are not interested in a career in farming, farms will increasingly become broken up and land sold off. There needs to be protection in place to prevent buyers converting agricultural land into a hotchpotch of unsightly, intrusive ventures – e.g. off-road motor biking/ scrambling, caravan sites, trailer parks etc.